

REMARKS

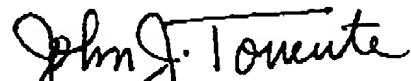
Claims 16, 27 and 40 have been amended. Claims 15, 19, 26, 30 and 37-39 have been canceled.

Claims 17, 18, 28 and 29 have been allowed. The Examiner has indicated that claims 16, 27 and 40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has now so amended these and, therefore, they are now allowable.

In view of the above, all claims remaining in the application are now allowable. Accordingly reconsideration of the claims and passage of same and this application to issue is respectfully requested.

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